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FCC ANNOUNCES JUNE 25 BROADCAST ENGINEERING FORUM

One of the goals of the National Broadband Plan is to evaluate the reallocation of spectrum from the broadcast television bands, including rule-makings regarding service areas, distance separations, channel-sharing, and other mechanisms to achieve its spectrum reallocation goals. In support of such future rule-makings, the FCC has invited a number of broadcast industry engineers and technical experts in related fields to convene in four working sessions intended to address certain technical challenges and opportunities facing the broadcast industry today.

WHAT: Broadcast Engineering Forum

WHEN: Friday, June 25, 2010, 3:00 p.m. EDT WHERE: FCC Commission Meeting Room

445 12th St. SW

Washington, D.C. 20554

ONLINE: http://reboot.fcc.gov/live/

The topics for discussion will be (1) Cellularization of Broadcast Architecture, (2) Methodologies for Repacking the TV Band; (3) Improvements in VHF Reception; and (4) Advancements in Compression Technology. Following these working sessions, each group will publicly report on its preliminary findings and recommendations with respect to its assigned topic.

<u>Agenda</u>

3:00 p.m. − 3:15 p.m.	Welcome and Overview of the Working Sessions
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Cellularization of Broadcast Architecture
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Methodologies for Repacking the TV Band
4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Improvements in VHF Reception
4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Advancements in Compression Technology
5:15 p.m.	Questions/Discussion
6:00 p.m.	Conclusion

The reporting session will be open to the public; admittance however will be limited to the seating available.

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio. The FCC's web cast is free to the public and does not require pre-registration.

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